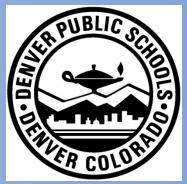
# **ProComp:**

# Aligning Denver's Teacher and Principal Programs

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## Teacher ProComp

#### • Structure:

- Program completely replaces the traditional salary schedule
- 9 elements—combination of salary-building and non-salarybuilding elements
- Elements are valued as a % of the index (BA/Step1 amount)
- Beginning base salary is set based upon traditional matrix

#### Participants:

- All new hires since January 2006 are automatically in ProComp; existing employees can opt-in
- Currently half of our teachers are in the program

### Funding source:

- Annual property tax increase of \$25m + CPI
- Utilized for ProComp compensation that is above the traditional schedule
- Agreement negotiated between DPS and the Teacher's Union

# Teacher ProComp Elements

Component	Element	Incentive Type	2007/2008 Amount (% Index)
Knowledge & Skills	Professional Development Unit	Salary building	\$711 (2%)
	Advanced Degrees/Licenses	Salary building	\$3,201 (9%)
	Tuition Reimbursement	One-time payment	\$1,000 lifetime amount
Professional Evaluation	Probationary/Non- probationary Evaluation	Salary building	\$356/\$1,067 (1%/3%)
Market Incentives	Hard-to-Serve Schools	Non-salary building	\$1,067 (3%)
	Hard-to-Staff Assignments	Non-salary building	\$1,067 (3%)
Student Growth	Student Growth Objectives	Meet both: salary Meet one: non- salary building	\$356 (1%)
	CSAP Exceeds Expectations	Salary building	\$1,067 (3%)
	Distinguished Schools	Non-salary building	\$711 (2%)

## Principal ProComp

### • Structure:

- Currently all non-salary-building incentives
- 4 elements paid as one-time bonuses
- 5<sup>th</sup> element paid in 2 equal installments

### Participants:

- All Principals and APs are eligible for the incentives
- Funding source:
  - Currently TIF Grant for majority of the incentive payments
  - General Fund for incentives for those schools not considered high needs by the Federal Government
  - Ongoing funding source has been secured for all payments after final year of the grant
- Agreement developed in collaboration with Principals/APs & District leadership

# Principal ProComp Elements

Element	Description	Principal \$\$ (approx.)	AP \$\$ (approx.)
Hard-to-Serve Schools	Based on Free & Reduced-Price Lunch Percentages	\$6,000	\$4,500
Overall Student Growth Objective	Demonstrated improvement from previous year to current year on the School Performance Framework (SPF)	\$5,500	\$4,125
Individual Student Growth Objective	Met one negotiated objective based on improvement in a specific CSAP area	\$2,500	\$1,875
Top Performing or Accredited Schools	Identified as belonging to the top 2 tiers of the School Performance Framework	\$7,000— differentiated based on tier	\$5,250— differentiated based on tier
Best Practices Documentation	Schools selected based upon performance on SPF or self-nominated; involved in the creation of a body of evidence, artifacts, etc. to use by other schools	Tier 1:\$10,000 Tier 2: \$7,500	Tier 1: \$7,500 Tier 2: \$4,875

### School Performance Framework

- Comprehensive framework focused on:
  - 2 consecutive years of student data
  - Student growth and status
  - Additional measures, such as re-enrollment, graduation and attendance rates
- Widely used throughout the District:
  - Possible state accreditation tool
  - Management tool used to identify best practices and problem areas
  - Principal and Teacher Incentives



# Alignment

### • Elements:

- Hard-to-Serve Schools
  - Free & Reduced-Price Lunch Percentage
  - First adopted by Principal ProComp, then used as the criteria for Teacher ProComp
- Distinguished/Top Performing Schools
  - School Performance Framework
  - Negotiating Teacher ProComp Agreement to expand to top 2 tiers of the Framework and differentiate payment between tiers

### Eligibility:

- All Principals and APs are eligible for the incentives
- All teachers can choose to opt-in

# Alignment

### Processes:

- Annual incentive payments
- Paid in same month for similar elements, i.e., pay Hardto-Serve in June for both Teachers and Principals

### • Systems:

- School Performance Framework
- Salary Calculator—modular payroll interface to support Teacher, Principal, and eventually District-wide, pay for performance
- SEA—web-based view of payment detail

### • Communications:

- Expanding www.denverprocomp.org
- Formal communication plan that incorporates information on both plans



## Future Goals for ProComp

- Further alignment of the two systems, examples include:
  - Salary increases for Principals
  - Additional School Performance Framework element for Teachers (similar to Overall Student Growth Objective for Principals)
  - Increased non-salary building amounts for Teachers, ex:
    - Hard-to-Serve bonus for Principals \$6,000
    - Hard-to-Serve bonus for Teachers \$1,067
- Refinement of programs based on annual program evaluations



# Questions?

